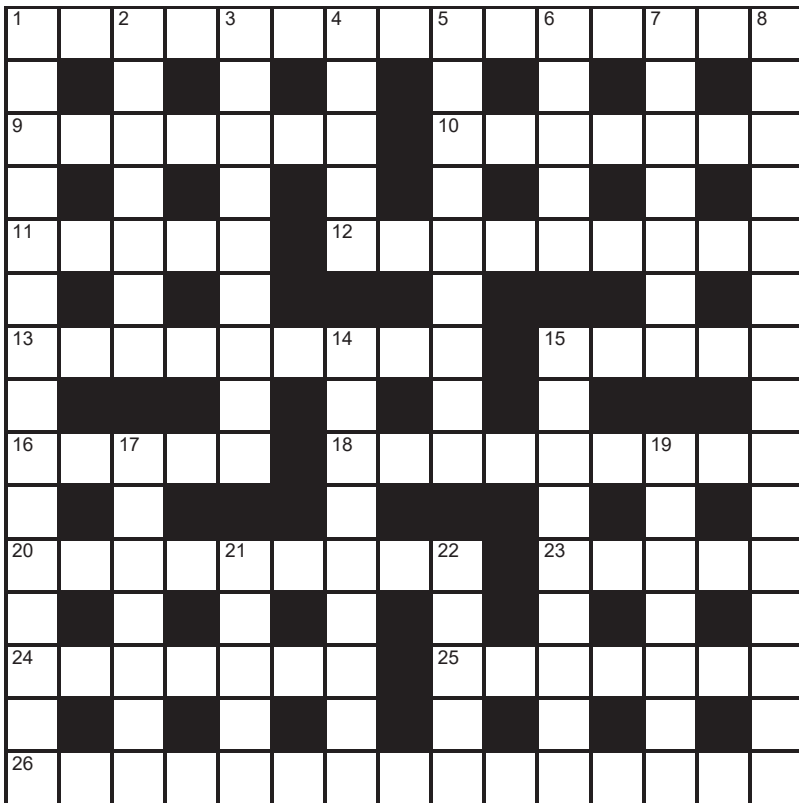


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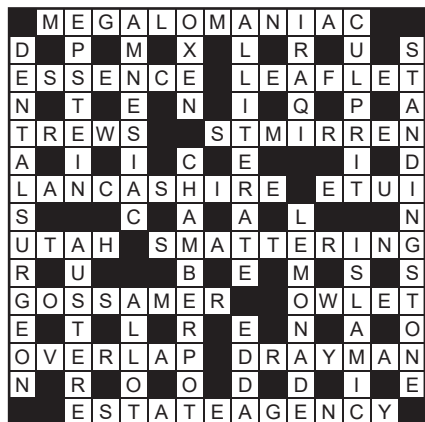
ACROSS

- 1 Hastily assembled during the night? The elves did this! (7,8)
- 9 Don't start riot when fully exposed here in Canada (7)
- 10 Conservative corrupted senior close friends (7)
- 11 Midwest city mom embraced by old husband back in Nebraska (5)
- 12 US soldier saving everybody I cut when retreating in battle (9)
- 13 A shy person, fashionable model Trevor retires (9)
- 15 Business occasionally seen in small towns? (5)
- 16 Dislodge England's opener, caught during ITV broadcast (5)
- 18 Italian leaves a chic Dior collection (9)
- 20 Peerless article in French magazine from Paris editor (9)
- 23 Hard fixture where the Hammers will strike? (5)
- 24 Coins retroactive term for rudimentary bomb Iran planted (7)
- 25 Graphic images upset April in court (4,3)
- 26 Herbal remedy enlivening pensioner Reg with vim? (7,8)

DOWN

- 1 Macho Aussie turns up in Berwick-upon-Tweed nude lido. Cor! Cripes! (9,6)
- 2 British tech "average" — leader in *Times* that merits just a few lines (3,4)
- 3 Play king, punching Liberal Arab unconscious (4,5)
- 4 Burgess's thug runs over to be bitten by hound (5)
- 5 Kissed very large copper behind back of Yard (9)
- 6 Bug that is set up to trap senior army officer (1,4)
- 7 Slick product introduced to Barnet (4-3)
- 8 Dodgy USA-run lotteries a risky venture (7,8)
- 14 Knight avoids close shave involving large human being (9)
- 15 Thus radical Islamic political ideology? (9)
- 17 One million soldiers on both sides of square that's vast (7)
- 19 Try Fifth Ave — a gorgeous surrounding (4,1,2)
- 21 Bones of sailors found on island (5)
- 22 Doctor Green installed home furnishings (5)

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